## **NEWS RELEASE**



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## <u>Curve Realignment Project Begins West of Round Mountain</u>

**REDDING** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in preparation for a June 2007, curve realignment project began removing vegetation along State Route 299 near Round Mountain at Fountain Curve. This work was begun in February, to prevent disturbing migratory birds and nest sites; State regulations require completion by March 31.

Major earthwork, changes to the drainage system, and reconstruction of the existing alignment should begin in early summer, weather permitting and run through December 2007. The project will eliminate three curves near the fountain and improve sight distance on a 1.2-mile portion of the highway.

During construction motorist may experience delays; 24-hour traffic control will be in affect with pilot cars and flaggers present.

Steve Manning, Inc. of Redding is the contractor on this \$6 million project.

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